

HOUSE BILL 3180

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7 and Title 12, relative to public
contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 12-3-1____.

(a) The commissioner of general services shall develop guidelines to require that any contract entered into by a state agency or any county, city, municipality, special district, school district or other local governmental unit of the state with a contractor or subcontractor who resides outside the state of Tennessee provide that the subcontractor who resides outside the state must hire Tennessee citizens to perform the work under the contract, insofar as practicable.

(b) The guidelines shall further include:

(1) A procedure for the contractor or subcontractor to outline the efforts the contractor or subcontractor has made to fulfill contractual requirement set out in subsection (a); and

(2) The manner in which the commissioner, if satisfied that the contractor or subcontractor has made a good faith effort to fulfill the contractual requirement set out in subsection (a), may authorize the contractor or subcontractor to hire United States citizens living outside Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any contracts to which Section 1 applies that are entered into on or after the effective date of this act.